



UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

PORT OF

Massachusetts Rifle Association

Director's Meeting 1/13/25

Meeting called to order by the President  
at 7.30 P.M. Present - Beekford, Bills,  
Coleman, Bennett, Genish, Bastey,  
Whipple, Libbman, Darling

Resolved to have annual meeting and  
dinner on January 28, 1925

Resolved that President appoint a  
Committee to arrange for dinner.  
Bennett and Darling were appointed  
on this Committee

Adjourned 8.15 P.M.

Wm Darling  
Secretary

→ Nominating Committee appointed to report  
at annual meeting  
Genish, Bennett, Whipple.



MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS.

Woburn, Massachusetts.

January 19, 1952.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION, held January 19, 1952, a quorum being present, the following recommendation was passed unanimously, to be presented to the Association:

VOTED: 1. That the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION raise the sum of \$2000.00 from its membership or friends of said Association, for the purpose of erecting a safety barrier at the 200-yard firing point; and for other work in connection with the safety and the improvement of the range.

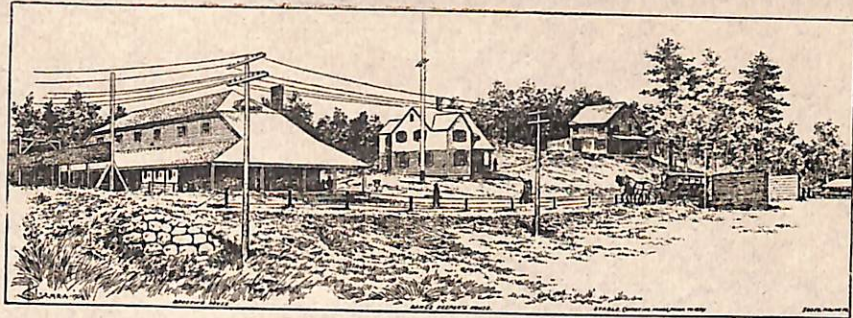
VOTED: 2. That a Special Meeting of the Association be called February 10, 1952, at TWO o'clock, for the purpose of authorizing the Treasurer to execute and issue the following series of notes:

- (a) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue six (6) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in three years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.
- (b) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue six (6) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in six (6) years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.
- (c) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue eight (8) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in nine (9) years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.

Attest:

.....  
Clerk





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

*Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts.*

MALCOLM F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary*,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

WALLACE L. DARLING, *Treasurer*,  
U. S. Custom House, Boston, Mass.

January 2, 1922.

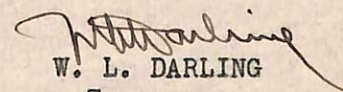
Mr. M. F. Partridge, *Secretary*,  
Mass. Rifle Association,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown.

Dear Malcolm;

I inclose herewith the range keeper's report for the month of December which I got from Adolph today while out at the range. Will you send me your usual report to act as my voucher for the payment of \$1.50 that I will have to make to Adolph. You ought to have been out enjoying the fresh air today.

If you get a chance I wish you would advise the nominating committee that I am not a candidate for reelection as treasurer and want my name left off the ballot. I think that Frank Whipple would be a good man for the job if they haven't picked anybody yet.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

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*Ans  
1-4-22  
M.F.P.*



## SHOOTING FEES

Range fee for 200-yards with target boys, on Sundays, holidays and special events, with shooting from 11:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 . . . . .

\$1.50

Fee for members using the 200-yard range without target boys furnished by the club . . . . .

.75

Fee for non-members accompanied by a member and without target boys . . . . .

1.00

Fee for non-members upstairs . . . . .

.75

All fees for non-members to be 25¢ more than for members (this includes the pistol range and the upstairs range).

Fees for members using pistol ranges and 50 yard and 100 yard rifle ranges . . . . .

.75

Fee for members using the upstairs range . . . . .

.50

August 18, 1953.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Customs Cat. No. 3101.  
C. D., Aug. 19-16.

REFERENCE INDORSEMENT.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE,

2-3268

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. .... PORT OF .....

Boston 5 1/2

Dear Frank,

I find this letter on file which  
I guess will give you the information  
you want. You will probably have to  
get new prices now

Yours truly

Wallace A. Darling



# GEORGE SCHLICHT

❧ DEALER IN SPORTING GOODS ❧

MANUFACTURER OF GERMAN RING TARGETS

5153 HUDSON BOULEVARD, NEAR 23RD STREET

TELEPHONE 2571 UNION  
West New York P. O.

*North Bergen, N. J.* ..... April 10, ..... 1920

Mr. G. L. Hosmer.,  
280 Washington St.,  
Woburn, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th,  
wish to advise that I still sell the "German  
Ring Targets." The prices for the two items  
listed in your letter are as follows:

10-25---\$10 per 100

18-25---\$ 5 per 100

Awaiting to be favored with your  
valued order, I remain,

Yours truly,

*George Schlicht*

SES.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Department of Military Science and Tactics  
60 Boylston Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

4 September 1952

Mr. James P. Drumgoole, Secretary,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association  
P.O.Box 292 Back Bay,  
Boston 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Drumgoole:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of my uncle, Mr. Wm. E. Peterson of New Canaan, Connecticut. As perhaps you know, Mr. Peterson is a rifle and pistol shot of considerable note and experience, and I wrote to him for advice and assistance on how to improve the Harvard Army ROTC Rifle Team.

Among other suggestions his reply stated:

"A good coach is essential. You probably have some enlisted men there and perhaps you can find a good coach among them. This, however, is doubtful. I think you would find it not too difficult to enlist the interest of some expert in one of the nearby civilian clubs who has coaching qualities and could give the group a good start, at least. It might seem queer for the army to ask civilian help in shooting, until you remember that these civilian gun nuts like myself are really in the super-duper sniper class by virtue of the fact that their interest verges on fanaticism. They would rather shoot than eat. You might as well use that driving force if you can hook in with it," and "I would try the Massachusetts Rifle Association first. If it is anything like the Connecticut Association you'll get the right steer."

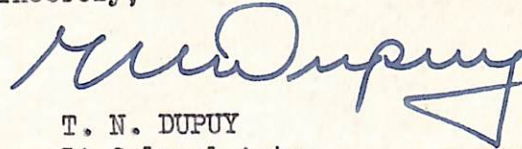
While we have two or three rifle experts in my unit, and we all have experience in routine rifle instruction, I am inclined to agree with my uncle that none of us has the qualifications he suggests we need. This is particularly true since my unit is not only small, but is understrength, and all of us will be extremely busy with our more routine duties.

If you should know of a "gun nut" that would like to help us, either by virtue of past association with Harvard, or the military services, or just because he would like to foster the love of shooting in young men, I should certainly be most appreciative. I am afraid, however, that any assistance he gives us would have to be a labor of love since I cannot obtain any military funds for a coaching salary, and I am certain that University funds will not be available for this purpose.



Even if you cannot find anyone who can spare time to help us, I should certainly appreciate any advice or suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. N. Dupuy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'D' and a trailing flourish.

T. N. DUPUY  
Lt. Colonel, Arty.  
PMS&T



September 16, 1952.

Dear Colonel Dupuy:

I regret that we have no one in our organization who can act as a coach for your unit. Most of our members live at a distance from the range and from Cambridge, and we meet only on Sundays. This latter fact is the reason for my delay in answering your inquiry; I thought someone might turn up who could give the time to the work.

The Reading Rifle and Revolver Club has a number of men competent to fill the position of coach, and one of them might possibly be willing to act as such. The Secretary is James T. Putnam, Main street, Reading.

Yours very truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secy.



November 16, 1952.

Mr. Howard J. Parad, Secretary,  
5 High street,  
Medford 55, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parad:

The Massachusetts Rifle Association is open to Junior Membership of boys or girls between the ages of 12 and 18. So far, we have but one junior member, a boy.

A junior member must be sponsored by a member in good standing, and when using the range he must be accompanied by his sponsor. (Rifle clubs lay great stress on safety.) Dues of junior members are \$5.00 a year. Of course, a junior member must furnish his own firearm and ammunition. The club has no instructor; the sponsor would of course fill that position.

I have not heard of a junior membership in any other rifle club. Still, there may be some. There is another rifle club in Woburn: the Arlington Rifle Club, on Russell street, Woburn. The Reading Rifle Club has a range just beyond the Curtis Guild range in Wakefield. They have a girls' rifle team. The Beverly Rifle and Revolver Club, David C. McNeill, Secretary, 548 Cabot street, Beverly, has a girls' team. These are really women's teams, and compete with men's teams in the Eastern Mass. Rifle League. I think Dave might know as much about any junior rifle teams as anyone.

It seems to me that rifle shooting should be included in a Boy Scout's training.

I am sorry I cannot give you anything more definite.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.



THEODORE CHASE  
G. STORER BALDWIN

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Treasurer

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BROOKS POTTER  
SAMUEL CABOT, JR.

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Vice-President  
Clerk

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Executive Director  
Associate Executive Director

FAMILY SERVICE



ASSOCIATION

OF GREATER BOSTON

10 Derne Street, Boston 14, Massachusetts (CApitol 7-0920)

FELLSWAY DISTRICT  
5 High St., Medford 55, Mass.

November 10, 1953

Mr. Joseph P. Drumgoole, Sect.  
Mass. Rifle Association  
P.O. Box 292, Back Bay  
Boston 17, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Your name was suggested to us by the National Rifle Association. I am interested in helping a 14 year old boy to participate in the junior division of a local rifle group. This boy goes to school in Boston but lives in Needham, Mass.

Any information which you can give about a junior rifle division in the Boston or Needham area will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard J. Parad*  
Howard J. Parad  
District Secretary

HJP:ct

*Ans 11/16/53*





City of Woburn, Massachusetts  
Police Headquarters

THOMAS J. MAGUIRE JR.  
Chief of Police

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 7, 1952

Mr. J. P. Drumgoole, Secretary  
Mass. Rifle Association  
Salem Street  
Woburn, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter and honorary membership card. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be associated with your organization.

At this time, on behalf of the members of this department, I would like to thank your Association for the many favors extended to us over a period of years.

Thank you very much for the honor the Association has seen fit to bestow on me.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas J. Maguire Jr.*  
Chief of Police

TJM:RB



April 2, 1952.

Mr. Thomas J. Maguire,  
Chief of Police,  
Woburn, Mass.

Dear Mr. Maguire:

News of your promotion to the office of Chief of Police of the City of Woburn brought to the recollection of some of the older members the fact that you marked targets on the club's range at Walnut Hill in the past, so, at a recent meeting of the Directors, it was proposed and was unanimously voted that you be enrolled as an Honorary Member of the club, with the best wishes of the Massachusetts Rifle Association.

Membership card is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.



NATHANIEL C. NASH  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

801 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON 9, MASS.

May 10, 1951.

Mr. J. P. Drumgoole  
89 Park Drive  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: M. R. A.

Dear Drumgoole:

On my return from visiting my daughter, I hasten to reply to your letters of April 25 and 28. It seems to me that you have handled the matter excellently and you have done everything so I don't see what help I can give you. However, if you want me to do something, let me know. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Austin McHugh, President.

On second thought, my return might furnish a good excuse for following up our attorney, George Thompson, but but I won't do anything about it, unless you let me know. Use your own judgment because you know him and I don't.

Sincerely yours,

*Nathaniel C. Nash<sub>m</sub>*

Nathaniel C. Nash.

NCN/m



June 29, 1938.

Mr. Charles R. McCauley,  
Chief of Police,  
Woburn, Mass.

Dear Chief:

Our late rangekeeper, Mr. Gibson, has left the premises. It is our understanding that he had a special police appointment for these premises, and, since he is no longer with us, I thought that you should be informed.

We have now taken on a new man, a Reserve Army officer, Philip M. Gallagher, and we would be greatly obliged if you would give him special police authority to protect the premises.

Yours very truly,

A. P. Lambert.  
President,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association.



April 21, 1955.

Mr. Harold E. Thompson,  
132 Irving street,  
Everett.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have to inform you that it developed at the meeting of the Board of Directors early this month that your election to membership in the Association at the Annual Meeting was irregular, because, according to the By Laws, applications for membership shall be acted upon only by the Directors; therefore, by vote of the Directors, the action in your case, and that of another applicant, at the Annual Meeting, was stricken from the record, and, by vote of the Directors, you were duly admitted to membership as of the date of the meeting, April 4, 1955, and I was directed to so inform you.

The membership card you have is, of course, still good.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drungoole.  
Secretary.



A resolution

4/11/48

Whereas, Almighty God in his wisdom has seen fit  
to remove from our midst our comrade Rudolph  
Thamisch and

Whereas we his friends and associates in the Mass.  
Life Assoc., <sup>Inc.</sup> feel keenly the loss of his presence and  
help and

Whereas in our loss we reflect but a small part of the  
grief & sorrow which has been brought upon his  
family by his untimely departure, be it therefore

Resolved, that we, the officers and members of the Mass  
Life Assoc., Inc., in meeting assembled direct that an  
expression of our deepest sympathy be extended to his  
bereaved family and that a copy of these Resolutions  
be transmitted to them and also be spread upon our  
records as a memorial

The Mass. Life Assoc., Inc.,

\_\_\_\_\_ Pres.

\_\_\_\_\_ Secy.

Woburn Mass

Apr. 11, 1948



CERTIFICATION

At an authorized meeting of the directors of The Massachusetts Rifle Association  
 held on May 7, 1956, a quorum being present, it was "Resolved"  
 (Name of Corporation)  
 (date)

(1) that any \_\_\_\_\_ of the following officers (Insert titles only, such as  
 (number)  
 President, Treasurer etc., not names):

Treasurer.

is/are hereby authorized in behalf of the corporation to open and maintain one or more accounts with Woburn National Bank of Woburn, Massachusetts, and to contract with said bank with reference to the terms and operation of said accounts, and to sign checks and other orders for payment of money against said accounts.

(2) that said bank shall not be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue of such instruments or as to the application of the proceeds of same.

(3) that the clerk of this corporation shall certify in writing to said bank as follows:

(a) the truth of a copy of this resolution, that it is now in effect and is in conformity with the charter and by-laws of the corporation.

(b) the names of the officers qualified to perform said duties.

(c) changes in this resolution and in the names of officers as they occur.

(4) that Woburn National Bank may rely completely upon such certifications and in so doing shall be fully protected by The Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
 (Name of Corporation)

I certify to Woburn National Bank as follows:

(a) that the foregoing is a true copy of resolution above described, that it is now in effect and is in conformity with the charter and by-laws of this corporation

(b) that the names of the officers qualified to perform the duties set forth are

President Austin McHugh Treasurer John O. Mc Dermott

Vice Pres. Charles H. Thome Asst. Treas. \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Pres. Paul W. Byzell Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19



Clerk of

(Name of Corporation)



... WRITTEN AT *Filene's* BOSTON ...

28 • Chandler Rd  
W. Maford  
Mass

mar 20<sup>th</sup>

my Dear Mr Davis:-

As I was unable on a single occasion to visit the range during the year 1930, I wrote to you at the conclusion of 1930 to strike my name from the membership list.

My present job does not allow me any time in which to take advantage in any way of the range facilities. I was rather surprised to see this bill which I am returning to you after I had written to you explaining my position in this matter.

Please adjust this membership matter so that I will be left



an aprember in good standing  
at the termination of the year  
1930 in case I should ever  
desire to be reinstated at some  
future date not permitting

Wishing the association  
continued success

I remain  
yours Truly  
E. A. Titus

Have paid for 1930. I don't  
remember letter he speaks of, but  
think we should take his word for  
it

E. M. L.



TELEPHONE MAIN { 6616  
5120

GEORGE W. TAYLOR & SON  
INSURANCE

17 PEARL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR  
EDWARD W. TAYLOR

March 4  
1925

Mr. W. S. Gibbons, Secy,  
The Mass. Rifle Association,  
121 Florence St., Melrose, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you for your very courteous letter  
of February 18th, and the conditions as you describe them are as  
I understood them.

I wish, therefore, to tender my resignation from the  
Association. If it is proper for me to pay any bill for dues, let  
me know.

Yours very truly,

*Edward W. Taylor*

EWT:B

*Accepted*  
*4/7/25*



TELEPHONE MAIN { 6616  
5120

GEORGE W. TAYLOR & SON  
INSURANCE  
17 PEARL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR  
EDWARD W. TAYLOR

January 22  
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Mr. C. H. Coleman, Treas.,  
30 Court Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a bill for annual dues for the coming year 1925. I cannot remember how long I have been a member of this association, but I think it is over twenty years, and each year I have paid \$10. As I am so situated that I cannot make any possible use of this club, I have several times been on the point of dropping out.

The original idea was that members like myself had a certain interest in the property of this club. In other words, we were, as I remember it, to a certain extent shareholders.

Would you be kind enough to let me know exactly what my status is in this respect, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*Edward W. Taylor*

EWT:B

*Ans. 2/18/25  
H. S. L.*



April 21, 1955.

Mr. Norman O. Vachon,  
37 McBride street,  
Jamaica Plain.

Dear Mr. Vachon:

I have to inform you that it developed at the regular meeting of the Directors early this month that your election to membership in the Association at the Annual Meeting was irregular, because, according to the By Laws, applications for membership shall be acted upon only by the Directors; therefore, by vote of the Directors, the action in your case, and in that of another applicant, at the Annual Meeting, was stricken from the record, and, by vote of the Directors, you were duly admitted to membership as of the date of that meeting, April 4, 1955, and I was directed to so inform you.

The membership card you have is, of course, still good.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.



# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

*Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts*

EDGAR W. DAVIS, *Secretary*,  
2 Westacott Court, Cambridge

WALLACE L. DARLING, *Treasurer*,  
Custom House, Boston

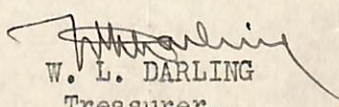
June 9, 1923.

Mr. Edgar W. Davis, Secretary,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
2 Westacott Court, Cambridge.

Dear Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as treasurer of the Massachusetts Rifle Association. Owing to increasing work in connection with my duties in the National Guard I find that I have not time to attend to the duties of treasurer. Will you please have this acted on as soon as possible so that I may turn the books over to my successor.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

*Acc. June 22, 1923.  
Davis  
Sec.*



C. F. LAMB  
25 IRVING TERRACE  
SUITE 18  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. Morrill:

I am enclosing my check for five dollars, a very small offering toward necessary repairs on the M.R.A. Club House, such as putting the saddleboards on the roof of buying boards for the flooring. Definitely, it is Not for lunch parties. I have been thinking of our talk, the other evening, and various instances have come to my mind of women's clubs that decided to serve tea and crackers, and ended by turning into lunch clubs, the original object entirely lost; also men's clubs that started with beer and a sandwich and went on to cocktails and all kinds of expensive hors d'oeuvres altogether changing the character of the meetings. I entirely agree with you that even if the Club's finances warranted a lavish outlay, it would be a pity to lose the simplicity of the old shooting days, the sense that we were there to shoot, to make the best scores for the Club as well as for our own joy, the sociability lying in the common interest in the sport and not in lunch parties that are all too apt to end in "keeping up with the Joneses."

It was a great pleasure to attend the meeting the other evening, and I want to thank you again for your kindness in bringing me home in your car.

Sincerely,

Carrie F. Lamb -  
June 24th, 1939.



## CITY OF WOBURN

January 1, 1936

## OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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Tax Rate

1936

\$41.90

on \$1,000

5800

Name Massachusetts Rifle Association

/ E.W. Davis

Street 229 Pearl StreetCambridge, MassachusettsYou are hereby notified that **1936 TAXES** are assessed to you as follows:

CHARLES F. QUIGLEY

Collector of Taxes

TANGIBLE PERSONAL  
PROPERTY

\$

Taxes payable in two equal installments, July 1, 1936 and  
October 1, 1936.

This tax may be paid in full.

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TAXES PAYABLE at the Collector's Office, City Hall.

OFFICE HOURS, 8:30 A. M. to 12 M., 1:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.;  
except Saturday, 8:30 A. M. to 12 M.; Thursday evening  
7 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.For information regarding the tax assessed, inquire of the  
Board of Assessors.APPLICATIONS for abatement or exemption must be filed  
in writing on an approved form with the Board of  
Assessors on or before **OCTOBER 1, 1936.**CHECKS, DRAFTS, or money orders must be made pay-  
able to the City of Woburn.IF RECEIPT is desired, self-addressed envelope with en-  
tire bill should be enclosed.Interest will be charged from October 1, on taxes remain-  
ing unpaid after November 1, 1936.

This form approved by Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation

1936

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INTEREST

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DEMAND

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TOTAL

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
NATIONAL BOARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE  
1108 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON

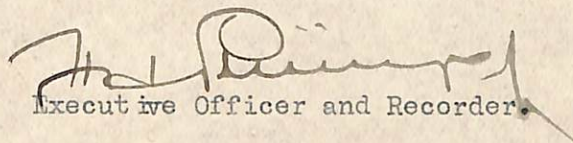
February 21, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge, Secy.,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
104 Mt. Auburn St.,  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 9th please be  
advised that our records have been marked to show you as  
Secretary of the Massachusetts Rifle Association.

Yours very truly,

  
Executive Officer and Recorder.

S.



MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
WALNUT HILL, WOBURN, MASS.

April 9, 1951.

Mr. William Kirkwood,  
23 Elm street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Kirkwood:

I have the pleasure to inform you that, at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Rifle Association on April 7, 1951, you were unanimously elected, in view of your long association with and support of the club, an Honorary Member of the Massachusetts Rifle Association.

A membership card is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

P.S. We are out of letterheads.

JD.



Jan. 3, 1950

Massachusetts Rifle Association  
Mr. Harold W. Morrill, Treas.  
378 Walnut Street  
Newtonville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

With regret I hereby tender my resignation as  
a sustaining member of the Massachusetts Rifle  
Association.

Enclosed please find key to the Shooting  
House.

Very truly yours,

*Wm Kirkwood*

WK:H  
Enc.

*Not acted on.*



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23 Elm St., Boston 8, Mass., April 12, 1951

Massachusetts Rifle Association  
c/o Mr. J. P. Drumgoole  
P.O. Box 292, Back Bay  
Boston 17, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Attn: Mr. Drumgoole

Acknowledging your letter of the 9th confirming the pleasant surprise news, Mr. John McLaughlin told me that at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Rifle Association I was made an Honorary Member. Please accept my best thanks and convey them to other members for the gracious favor.

Off the record, reminiscing may have interest. My Father, the late David Kirkwood, who had been fond of rifle shooting from early boyhood, joined the Massachusetts Rifle Association, though not a charter member, soon after his arrival in the United States in 1873, when the Range was at Spy Pond, Arlington. He gave me a membership in the Association on my eighteenth birthday in 1884. A few years later, due to business activities, our use of time out for pleasure was changed, and both memberships were allowed to lapse. In 1914, property in the Saugus Hills that was used for testing changed owners, and the writer was allowed to rejoin the M.R.A. range, continuing to 1945 or 6 when arranging otherwise for testing rifles.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the Association, whose record entitles it to be considered as the number one organization for the encouragement of civilian rifle shooting, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Wm Kirkwood*

WK:H



Clarence Hoffman  
Box 414  
Cornell, Wis.

April 2, 1958

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated Jan. 28, subject parts for Stevens Walnut Hill 22 cal. Rifle, ~~SMITH~~ was turned over to me.

Please excuse delay in answering, as illness and hospitalization is my excuse.

We are sorry we cannot furnish the necessary part, as we do not stock any parts for this Rifle.

I would suggest that you contact Kirkwood Brothers Inc., 23 Elm St. Boston, Mass., as the most likely place to solve your problem.

Wishing you the best of luck and prosperity to your club, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

E. P. Matson Res. Range Keeper  
290 Salem St.  
Woburn, Mass.



*Copy*

Mr. Nathaniel C. Nash  
32 Foster St.  
Marblehead Neck, Mass.

April 2, 1958

Dear Mr. Nash,

I have in my possession the following articles which were found in the ~~IMMENSE~~ locker of the late Mr. Wallace L. Darling by our past President Austin McHugh, Harry Nelson and others at the Club House, MRA, Woburn, Mass.

The locker appeared to have been tampered with, so the entire contents consisting of the following articles were removed.

14 Spring Cloths Pins, 1 Remington Score Book, 1 Program Outdoor Postal Matches 1926, 1 cloth bag containing 3 parts of 30 cal. Cleaning Rod, 1 Wooden Revolver Cleaning Rod, 1 large cal. Pistol Cleaning Rod, 1 large cal. Pistol Brush, 2 small cal. Cleaning Rods, 2 Wire Brushes, 2 large cal. Cleaning Rods, (brass), 1 extra piece, 1 Trigger Weight, 1 small bottle Hoppes #9, part full, 3 rolls Target Patches, 1 piece wax Candle, 1 ten hole Cartridge Block, 177 rds. 22 cal. Super X Ammo., 271 rds. 22 cal. Peters Target Ammo., 39 rds. 30 cal. Luger reloads, 2 large brown shoe laces, 1 large cal. hand loading tool, cal. unknown.

I have a faint recollection of writing to some one related to Mr. Darling shortly after the articles were removed from the locker, informing him that the articles were in the possession of Austin McHugh, but for some reason unknown to me the articles were never called for.

I feel that you, who was so close to Mr. Darling, would be the one to decide what disposition to make of the above articles.

Hoping this finds you and yours in the best of health, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Matson*

Pete Matson



W. R. A. Meeting to be held  
Jan 19/24

Present { B. L. Darling  
Fennell  
Gibbons  
Kelley

Finance Committee  
Geo. Kimball  
W. E. Fennell  
W. L. Darling

Statistical Office  
F. E. Whipple

Range Committee  
W. E. Fennell  
O. E. Gerrish  
W. E. Fennell

Membership Committee  
C. H. Coleman  
H. H. Barnett  
J. L. Barker

Executive Committee  
C. S. Bills  
W. E. Fennell  
C. H. Coleman

Ad of Shouting Committee  
Julius Kelley  
H. R. Brunton  
W. E. Fennell

1924  
Vice President

S. Merrill +  
H. S. Harris +

Secretary

W. L. Darling +

Treasurer

Chas. H. Coleman +

Directors

Vote for 15

Bastey +  
Beckford +  
Bennett +  
Bills +  
Brunton +  
Davis +  
Fennell +  
Fred Fitz +  
Gerrish +  
Gibbons +  
Hosmer  
J. Kelley +  
Kimball  
Liprelle +  
Souther +  
Whipple +

Present { B. L. Darling  
Fennell  
Gibbons  
Kelley  
Whipple  
Coleman

Arthur A. Mann  
J. E. Green  
O. S. Brunton  
B. L. Whipple  
C. A. Chase  
R. S. Hunt  
F. H. Clough  
W. R. Curtis

Elect  
Members

Y. need to make shooting for  
2-4 5.00 for all range.

Bennett & Fennell appointed  
committee to investigate medal  
purification and locate on medal.  
Vote to spend 35.00 for each medal.  
advised 7:30 P.M.



April 21, 1944.

Chief of Police,  
Woburn, Mass.  
Dear Sir:

The Directors of the Massachusetts Rifle Association wish to express to you their appreciation of the fine work of the Woburn police in tracing the articles stolen from the Association's clubhouse some time during the week of April second.

With practically nothing to work on, the police, in a short time, located the five boys responsible for the thefts, recovered the two stolen telescopes, and arranged for the boys to come to the range and pay for the stolen ammunition, which had been expended.

Three of the boys came to the range last Sunday and made restitution, the fourth came later in the day and promised to make restitution during the week; the fifth was unable to come on account of illness: so that everything is cleaned up in a satisfactory manner.

I believe we have Officer Riel to thank for this good work.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Drumgoole.  
Secretary.



NATHANIEL C. NASH, JR.  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

853 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

February 24, 1921.

Pres. William E. Fennell,  
160 Congress Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to respectfully  
tender my resignation as counsel of the Massachusetts  
Rifle Association to take effect at once in all matters  
except Legislation. If you desire my resignation as  
Legislative Counsel and Agent, please so inform me.

Respectfully yours,

*Nathaniel C. Nash Jr.*

NCN/DH

Accepted.....3-22-21.....~~Elected~~.....  
Notified.....3-23-21.....M. F. Partridge, Sec.



50 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON

January 11, 1941

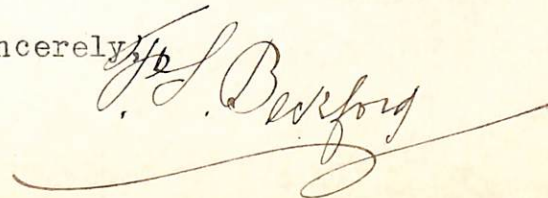
J. P. Drumgoole, Esq.,  
89 Park Drive,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Secretary:

On the chance that no one else noticed it, I am advising you of the death yesterday of George H. Blair. As you of course know, he was one of the very old-timers (possibly a charter member?) of the M. R. A., secretary for a good many years, and I think was made a life or honorary member at an annual meeting within the past ten or fifteen years. Some mention should be made of him at the meeting Tuesday night. Probably you know all this as well as I do.

I am not sure yet whether I shall be able to attend or not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. P. Drumgoole", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

FSB S



ROPES, GRAY, BEST, COOLIDGE & RUGG  
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BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214  
CABLE ADDRESS "ROPGRALOR"

March 23, 1942

James P. Drumgoole, Esq.,  
P.O. Box 292,  
Back Bay, Boston.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Many thanks for yours of the 19th. I much appreciate my undeserved election as honorary member of the M. R. A. I imagine that this means that I will receive a notice of the annual dinner. At any rate I should like to, although I have not been very successful in attending the last year or two.

With best regards to you and any other of the ancients who remember me,

Yours sincerely,



FSB S



NATHANIEL C. NASH, JR.  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

853 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON, MASS. 9

January 9, 1922.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge, Sec.,  
104 Mt. Auburn Street,  
Watertown, Mass.

My dear Partridge:

Your letter of January 4, 1922, notifying me that the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Rifle Association has voted to ask me to continue to handle legislative matters as heretofore, was duly received. I very much regret that it will be impossible for me to represent the Association this year. I will take this matter up with Perry Sippelle today or at the earliest possible moment, so that he can take such action as may be necessary until another legislative counsel has been elected. I hope, however, that I will be able to assist the Massachusetts Rifle Association indirectly, and it may be that I will ask them to assist me.

Assuring the Directors of my sincere appreciation of the honor which they have done me in asking me to continue to handle legislative matters, I remain,

Very truly yours,

NCN/DH

*Nathaniel C. Nash Jr.*



Jan. 2, 1935,

Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
Walter S. Wait - Sec.

Gentlemen -

Just a few lines to  
express my surprise and ap-  
preciation of the little card I  
received by mail making me  
an Honorary member of your  
Association.

At first I thought someone  
was playing a joke on me but  
on looking more closely I  
realize that the signatures are  
official and that I really may  
consider myself one of you  
from now on.



Since my husband is not yet home I have no way of finding out how this came about or why I am so honored, however I deeply appreciate this courtesy more than I can tell you.

Wishing you all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year

I am

Sincerely Yours

Anne E. Lambert.



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February 23, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm Partridge,  
104 Mt. Auburn Street;  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation from the Board  
of Directors, of the Massachusetts Rifle Association to  
take effect at once.

Yours truly,

*Harry R. Marshall*

Accepted... 3-22-21 ~~Noted~~ ..  
Notified... 3-23-21 .. M. F. Partridge, Sec.



NATHANIEL C. NASH, JR.  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

853 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON, MASS. 9

May 28, 1921.

Mr. Wallace L. Darling, Treas.,  
Custom House,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Darling:

All anti-revolver bills have been defeated by the failure of the Senate to pass a resolution, House #1471, which was substituted for all revolver bills.

I therefore enclose a statement of my total expenses in representing the Massachusetts Rifle Association, Boston Rifle and Revolver Club, and the United States Revolver Association, together with a bill to the Massachusetts Rifle Association for one third of the same.

My books also show that the Club owes me \$2.50 for one dinner at the City Club which I had to pay for under the guarantee, but which was not eaten. It is my recollection that this dinner was prepared for Mr. J. E. Lynch, but he did not attend.

Sincerely yours,

*Nathaniel C. Nash Jr.*

NCN/DH  
Encs. 2



33 Beckford St.,

Beverly, Mass.

March 7th, 1925.

W.S.Gibbons, Sec'y.,  
Mass. Rifle Asso.,  
121 Florence St.,  
Melrose, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter this morning and will try to give you the dates that we expect to shoot on. We hope that your organization will decide to shoot with us, as that will make nine teams and it will work out good to shoot three cornered matches as we had planned to do. We are to start on April 25th, and shoot every two weeks, skipping the holidays as best we can. The dates will probably be:- April 25th, May 9th, May 23rd, June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, July 25th, and Aug. 1st,. If we have nine teams it will take four weeks for each team to meet every other team and eight weeks to meet them twice.

We are planning all of the matches for Saturday afternoons, as the only range that would be available for Sunday is yours and possibly Gloucester.

We are to finish our series of matches before the Wakefield matches begin, so if we have many stormy Saturdays we may have to shoot on a Sunday to get finished on time.

If I can give you any additional information I will be pleased to do so.

I will meet your committee or talk with them over the telephone, if they will call me and have the charge reversed. I will not be at home on Thursday evening.

The matches are open to .22 calibre, as well as the larger guns.

Will you please let me know as soon as you can, as I am anxious to make out the schedule, it will be sent to the clubs for approval and then I will have folders printed, as our first match is to be seven weeks from today we



have not got much spare time.

Hoping that you will decide to shoot with us. I am,

Yours very truly,

*David C. McNeill.*

Sec'y Eastern Mass. Rifle League.

Telephone, Beverly 1298 W.



Melrose, Mass.,  
May 17, 1928.

Dr. David Lee,

Dear Sir:

The Range Committee has decided that conditions at the Range have not been entirely satisfactory, and that it would be for the best interests of the Club, to make a change in the position of the Range-Keeper.

This action was approved by the Board of Directors at their last Meeting, giving the Range Committee authority to act as they thought best.

Supplementing the verbal notice already given you, I have been directed to request you to vacate the premises as soon as convenient, but in any event, not later than June 15th next.

Very truly yours,

SECRETARY.



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Wallace L. Darling, Secty.,  
Massachusetts Rifle Asso.,  
Custom House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Wallace:-

I received about ten days ago a notice that  
I was elected some months ago on the Financial  
Committee of the Massachusetts Rifle Association.

While I believe the association is fine and has my  
best wishes, this use of my name is entirely  
unauthorized. I am unable to take part in the  
out-door recreations, and do not feel sufficiently  
in touch with their operations to hold such an  
office. I am unable to find time to devote to any  
such committee and do not think it for the best  
interest of the association that I should be on this  
committee.

I am therefore tendering you my resignation, which  
under the circumstances you will accept, I trust.

Yours very truly,



EDWIN B. HOLMES  
600 ATLANTIC AVE.  
BOSTON, MASS.

*Cur.*  
MAR 7 1921  
*M.H.*

February 26, 1921

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge,  
104 Mt. Auburn St.,  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It has been a long time since I visited  
the Mass. Rifle Range at Walnut Hill. In some way  
I got the idea that the Range had been closed.

Will you kindly inform me what are the  
present facilities for rifle practice at the Range?

I intended to have been present at the  
meeting which was held on February 18th but pressure  
of other business matters prevented.

Yours truly,

*Edwin B. Holmes.*

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Malcolm F. Partridge, Esq.,  
Watertown, Mass.

April 2, 1921.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the \$300.00 bond which you are required to file with the War Department to cover the issue of Military Stores, we beg to offer to execute the same for a premium of \$3.00 per year, which will be the only expense you will have to incur in the matter, as we make no charge for our personal services.

The bond will be executed in Washington and filed with the proper office of the Department the same day it is received from you. If the form has been sent you by the Department it should be executed by the principal and forwarded to us for completion, execution as surety and filing. If desired, and you will forward the form, we will prepare the bond here. If you have not as yet received the form we shall be glad to obtain a copy from the Department and send it to you with full instructions as to execution, etc.

We have made a specialty of bonds given to secure issues of Military Stores and have been executing such bonds for many years, so that we are thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the Department, and if you place your bond with us you will be assured of its proper and prompt execution and filing.

Enclosed is a list of some of the educational institutions, rifle clubs, etc., which we have been bonding for years in connection with issues of Military Stores by the War Department.

We also enclose a blank application for your use in connection with the bond you are to give, which application may be signed and returned to us at any time. It need not be filled in.

Trusting to be favored with your business, we are,

Very truly yours,

CLARK, ~~PRENTISS~~ & CLARK.

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General Agents.





**GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY**

**BOSTON, U.S.A.**

November 26, 1941

Mass. Rifle Association  
Salem Street  
Woburn, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Mr. Stephen Griffin, 13 Carter St., Woburn  
has applied for a position and has mentioned  
your name as a reference.

He claims to have been in your employ as a  
.....Target Boy.....  
for approximately ..three years.....

Any information regarding his general qualifications  
will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY

W. J. McCarthy  
Employment Manager



Chaplains Branch  
Hospital Center  
Camp Carson, Colorado

17 August 1945

Dr. J. P. Bill  
144 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Bill:

Your note of inquiry concerning Colonel Gyles Merrill reached me yesterday. In reply, I am able to inform you that the Colonel left this Hospital on a convalescent furlough on August 2nd. The orders granted him indicate that he will spend his leave at 1804 Wood Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado. No doubt you will be able to reach him at that address.

I am very sorry that I am unable to give you information relative to the Colonel's history.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank M. Caughey*

Chaplain (Major) FRANK M. CAUGHEY  
Chief, Chaplains Branch

FMC/gj



MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS.

Woburn, Massachusetts.

January 19, 1952.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION, held January 19, 1952, a quorum being present, the following recommendation was passed unanimously, to be presented to the Association:

- VOTED: 1. That the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION raise the sum of \$2000.00 from its membership or friends of said Association, for the purpose of erecting a safety barrier at the 200-yard firing point; and for other work in connection with the safety and the improvement of the range.
- VOTED: 2. That a Special Meeting of the Association be called February 10, 1952, at TWO o'clock, for the purpose of authorizing the Treasurer to execute and issue the following series of notes:
- (a) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue six (6) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in three years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.
  - (b) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue six (6) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in six (6) years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.
  - (c) That the Treasurer of said Association be authorized to execute and issue eight (8) notes of the face value of \$100.00 each, non-interest bearing, to be payable in nine (9) years to any member or members of said Association, or others, upon the receipt of \$100.00 in cash for each note.

Attest:

.....  
Clerk



January 30, 1950.

Mr. Francis W. Knight,  
7 Johnson Road,  
Arlington, Mass.

*Paid since*

Dear Francis:

At a meeting of the Directors of the Massachusetts Rifle Association on January 7, 1950, it was voted that all members of the Association in arrears for dues for 1949, whose dues are not paid by the last day of February, 1950, be considered dropped as members of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, viz:

VII. 3. The annual dues, except for existing life members, who are exempt, shall be ten dollars, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, and if the annual dues of any member shall remain unpaid for four months thereafter, his membership shall cease, and he cannot be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears to the Association.

Bill for dues for 1949 and 1950 is enclosed.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.



## SHOOTING FEES

Range fee for 200-yards with target boys, on Sundays,  
holidays and special events, with shooting from 11:00 to  
12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 . . . . . \$1.50

Fee for members using the 200-yard range without  
target boys furnished by the club . . . . . .75

Fee for non-members accompanied by a member and  
without target boys . . . . . 1.00

Fee for non-members upstairs . . . . . .75

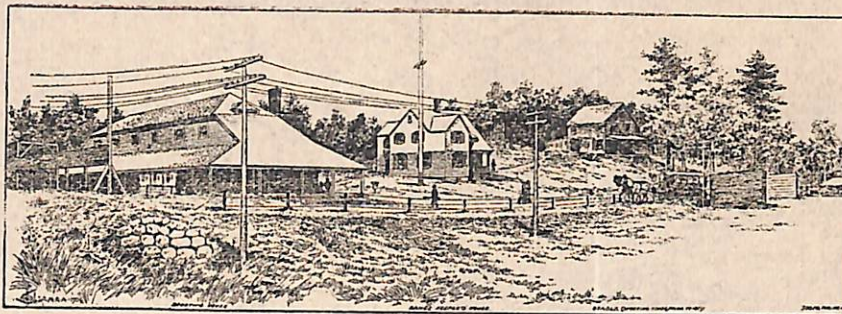
All fees for non-members to be 25¢ more than for  
members (this includes the pistol range and the  
upstairs range).

Fees for members using pistol ranges and 50 yard  
and 100 yard rifle ranges . . . . . .75

Fee for members using the upstairs range . . . . . .50

August 18, 1953.





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts.

MALCOLM F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary*,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

WALLACE L. DARLING, *Treasurer*,  
U. S. Custom House, Boston, Mass.

November 9, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge, Statistical Officer,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

Dear Malcolm;

The following members have paid the annual shooting fees for the  
use of the range during the year 1921:


W. L. Darling	\$6.00
J. L. Bastey	6.00
W. E. Fennell	6.00
M. F. Partridge	6.00
N. P. Sipprelle	6.00
H. H. Bennett	6.00
O. E. Gerrish	6.00
W. S. Gibbons	6.00
H. M. Binney	6.00
C. M. Wildes	Rifle 3.00
A. A. Balch	" 3.00
C. W. Hinman	" 3.00
F. C. Fitz	" 3.00
C. G. Bills	6.00
	<u>72.00</u>

Bills have been sent to the following but are not yet paid:

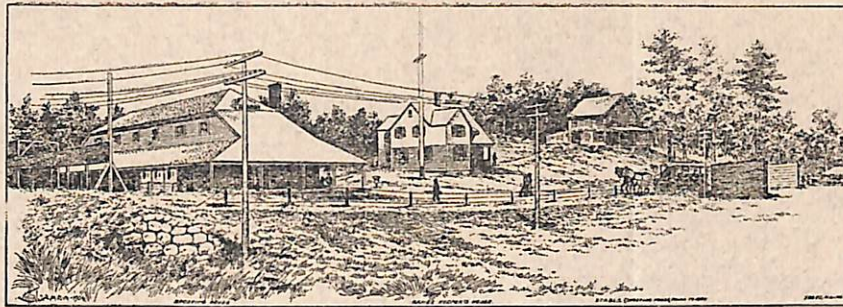
F. E. Whipple	Rifle \$3.00
G. J. Hoffman	Pistol 3.00
	<u>6.00</u>
	<u>78.00</u>

I am sending bills today to the men mentioned in your letter of  
the 5th instant.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

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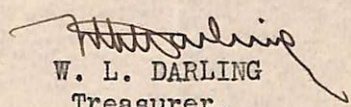
January 21, 1922.

Mr. Frank E. Whipple, *Secretary*,  
Mass. Rifle Association,  
17 Austin St., Milton, Mass.

Dear Frank;

I inclose herewith a list of the annual members of the Massachusetts Rifle Association who are still in good standing having paid the 1921 dues. Some time when you get a chance will you please compare this with your list to see if we agree. Do you need anything in the way of supplies such as paper and envelopes? If so let me know and I will have some printed up for you.

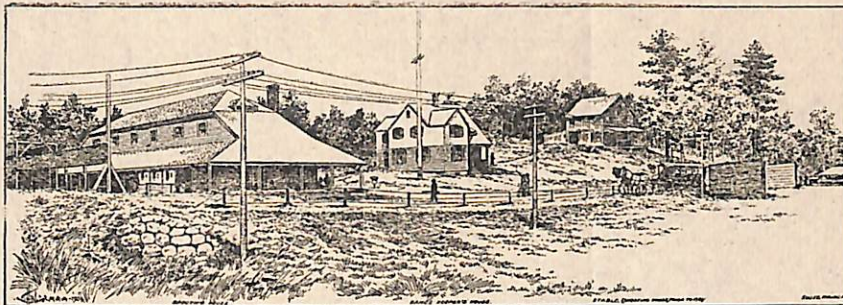
Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

1 inclosure.

*List compared  
and returned*





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

*Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts.*

MALCOLM F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary*,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

WALLACE L. DARLING, *Treasurer*,  
U. S. Custom House, Boston, Mass.

June 17, 1922.


Mr. F. E. Whipple, *Secretary*,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
17 Austin St., Milton, Mass.

Dear Frank:

I am returning for your files the application of Charles H. Coleman for membership in the Association which was acted on at the meeting last night. I am also inclosing his membership card which you can forward with your letter of notification.

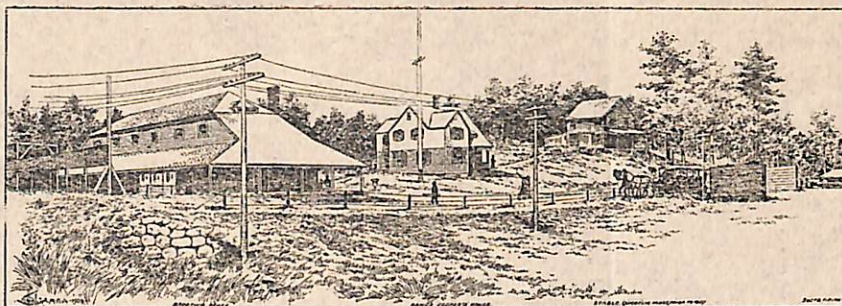
I went out to the range this afternoon and there was quite a party there considering the threatening weather. Kirkwood and his sister and three others were out in their machine and shot at the traps all the afternoon. Kirkwood says he is going to fix up a 22 rifle and come out Sundays and do some shooting. I told Perry that you were going to fine him for being absent from the meeting. He said he had to go out of town and forgot all about it. Gerrish and Gibbons were down looking over the 300 yard butts so I am in hopes that it will be fixed up now before long.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

2 inclosures.





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

*Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts.*

MALCOLM F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary*,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

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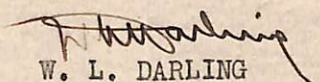
January 25, 1922.

Mr. Frank E. Whipple, *Secretary*,  
Mass. Rifle Association,  
17 Austin St., Milton, Mass.

Dear Frank;

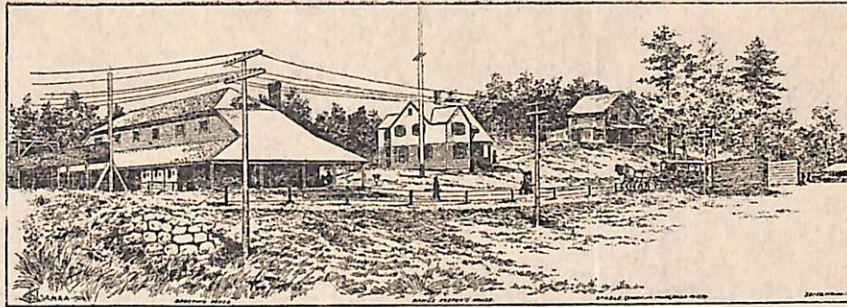
I inclose herewith a copy of the Treasurer's report for 1921 which is a part of the records of the Annual meeting and should be in your files. I have a few stamped envelopes that I will give you the next time I see you to keep you going until we get some more printed.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

1 inclosure.





# THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

*Range at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts.*

MALCOLM F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary*,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

WALLACE L. DARLING, *Treasurer*,  
U. S. Custom House, Boston, Mass.

June 15, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge, Secretary,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Malcolm;

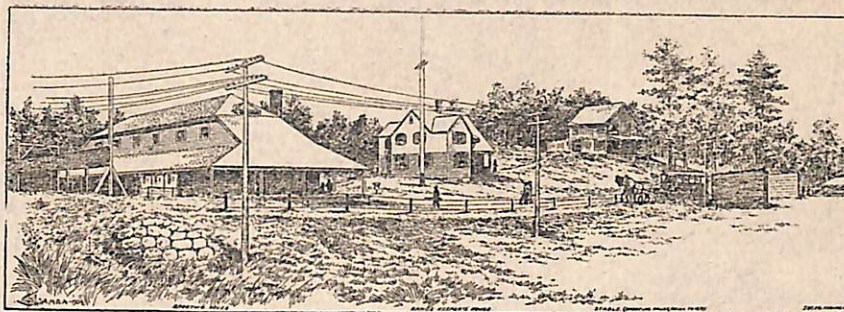
Your check for \$6.00 received and I am inclosing a receipted bill for the same. I am sending bills to the men whose names you gave me and will let you know when the shooting fees are paid. That new paper of yours looks all right. I think something like that would be good for the M.R.A. the next time you have to buy any. The officers of the C. A. C. are to have a school of instruction over the 17th, so I will be down at Fort Strong from Friday morning until Monday afternoon. Will see you some time when I get back. The bill for the targets from Remington has not arrived yet but I will pay it as soon as it comes and get the approval afterward.

Yours very truly,

  
Treasurer.

1 inclosure





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April 5, 1921.

Malcolm F. Partridge, *Secretary*,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

Dear Malcolm;

I inclose herewith a letter from Mr. Hosmer regarding the request of the Technology Rifle Club to be allowed to shoot on the Walnut Hill Range. I suppose this should be acted on at the next Director's meeting. In looking up the records I find that during the year 1917 the Association received \$91.50 from the Mass. Institute of Technology for target hire for the rifle team during that year. It would seem to be a good chance to get some extra income for the club. I am also inclosing the tickets for the pistol match which I shot Saturday. I found the extra copies in my bag when I got home Saturday night.

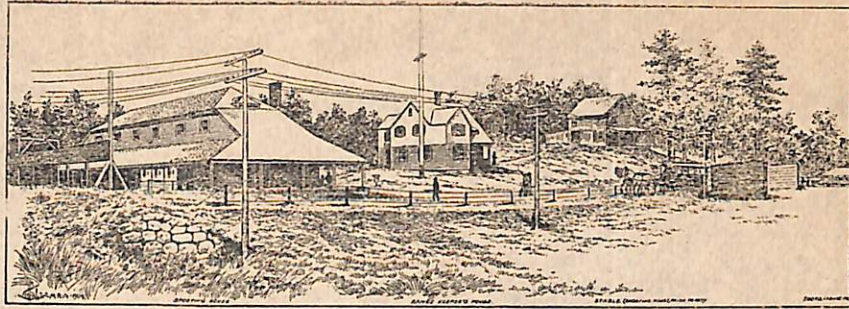
Yours very truly,

*W. L. Darling*  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

2 inclosures.

*Referred to Committee  
Range 4-12-21*





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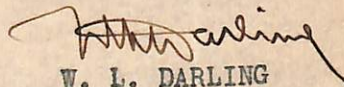
March 28, 1921.

Malcolm F. Partridge, Secretary,  
Massachusetts Rifle Association,  
104 Mount Auburn Street,  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Malcolm;

I inclose herewith the application of Adolph J. Beauchamp who was elected on March 22nd and paid his dues on March 26th. I was out at the Range Saturday and intended to try a little off-hand shooting but it rained so hard I didn't get a chance to shoot. I told Adolph to have some of the 200 yard Creedmoor targets ready next Saturday and think I will try it again then if possible. I am rather curious to see what kind of a score I can make off-hand.

Yours very truly,

  
W. L. DARLING  
Treasurer.

1 inclosure.



January 17, 1958.

National Rifle Association,  
1600 Rhode Island avenue,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have to report that, on 6 October 1957,  
I resigned as Secretary of the Massachusetts Rifle  
Association.

So far, no permanent Secretary has been appointed  
(hence the delay in reporting).

I am making out the customary annual reports for  
1957, but not signing them.

The President of the Association is -

Austin McHugh,  
17 Perkins avenue,  
Stoneham 80, Mass.

Yours truly,

Jas. F. Drumgoole.  
Box 292 Back Bay,  
Boston 17, Mass.



October 6, 1957.

Mr. Austin McHugh,  
172 Broadway,  
Malden 48, Mass.,  
President, Mass. Rifle Association.

Dear Sir:

I hereby resign from the office of Secretary of the  
Massachusetts Rifle Association, to take effect today.

Yours truly,

Jas.P.Drumgoole.

P.S. Inclosed is key of the cash box. Today's receipts  
are contained therein.

JPD.



March 7, 1956.

Dear Colonel Nash:

It seems that the president of the club, Austin McHugh, finding that the door of Captain Darling's locker, a wall locker at the west end of the clubroom, was split open, removed the material contained therein, and is holding it, awaiting information as to its disposition.

The material found in the locker is listed on the inclosed paper.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Sec.



NATHANIEL C. NASH  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

930 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON 9, MASS.

March 9, 1956.

Mr. J. P. Drumboole, Secretary  
Massachusetts Rifle Association  
Walnut Hill  
Salem Street  
Woburn, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Drumgoole:

Thank you for yours dated March 7 with the list of contents of Wallace Darling's wall locker which was broken into. I understand that Austin McHugh is holding these articles. I immediately notified by 'phone the attorney for Wallace's estate and I am today confirming the information by letter including a copy of the list of items you sent me.

It was several months ago when I notified the attorney that Wallace had 3 lockers at Walnut Hill and suggested that they be cleared out so they would be available for somebody else to use. I hope they really get after the job now.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Nathaniel C. Nash.

NCN/m



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April 15, 1921.

THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Malcolm F. Partridge, Esq.,  
104 Mt. Auburn St.,  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept our thanks for your favor of the 12th inst. enclosing the \$300.00 bond of the above Club, together with application therefor, copy of articles of incorporation, statement of Board of Directors authorizing you to sign the bond, and check for \$3.00 in payment of the first year's premium.

We have completed the bond, executed it as surety and filed it with the War Department.

Thanking you for the business, we are

Very truly yours,

CLARK & CLARK

BY

*A. E. Holden*  
General Agents.

AEH/ES



Shall send the books & reports  
probably to-morrow by Express.

Boston. Jan'y 16/21.

My Dear Partridge.

I enclose a list of names - Life & Annual  
Members of the MRA - which I have carefully collected  
from the records. I think you will find this list  
correct to work from. (Striking out notices &c)

Those names in the Annual Membership list  
marked with a double "vv" should be looked up by  
you & Mr Darling (Treasurer) & see when they have paid  
their Annual dues & should be brought up at a Directors  
meeting for action - probably some of them ought to be  
dropped.

The books I shall send you with membership  
lists are in bad shape - being over 20 years old  
& subjected to frequent scratching out & changing - as  
well as wear. The Life members who have "no address"  
are misusers - no way of finding out whether living or  
not. All those Life members you will find in the  
books with addresses but still not on enclosed list  
are ones who have not answered the letter I wrote  
on Jan 1st 1921. Some of them may come in yet &  
if they do I will send them along to you.

There are many more 1903 & 1904 reports because there  
were a great many more printed. It was an idea of  
some Directors that a great many calls would come in  
those years for reports but they didn't seem to come.

There was a mass of stuff rather tangled up (and to me  
looking quite useless) - which I pass on to you <sup>as they came from</sup> as the belongings of  
secretary's job. Yours sincerely Y. H. Blair 67 Copeland St  
Boston



Boston Feb 26/21

Dear Partridge.

Here are 3 more Life Members.  
whose 1921 Notices have been returned from the  
Dead Letter Office.

*Crossed from  
list m. 28.*  
Geo Y Hall - 1002 Paddock Bldg. Boston  
Edwin S Belcher - Winthrop Mass.  
Geo L Osborn - 238 Newbury St Boston.

According to the December '20 Directors Meeting  
these "life" names were to be wiped off the  
list if no reply was received.

So about 20, <sup>(altogether)</sup> names will cross the  
MRA list quite a bit. It has long been  
a most infernal nuisance - especially making  
returns to Washington & sending Annual Notices.

About 45 "lives" are left & fully 38  
of those are absolutely useless in any sort of  
active way but I suppose they must be  
retained.

Yours truly J. H. Allen  
82 Copeland St Roxbury.

Should think all names with  
"Address unknown" ought to  
be wiped out - but of course  
that is for Directors to say.  
You might bring it up.



Boston Jan 17/21

My Dear Partridge.

Here is a return up to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1920 which I suppose should be sent to Washington. You had better add - after date of January 1<sup>st</sup>/21 - the names of the new Officials.

For my own part I don't see the need of making reports about non-returnable property. If we had rifles or unused ammunition it would be different. But if the War Office wants it - that's all.

*Extend into* Three more Life Members Cards came in this Am. Lucius Hubbard - Houghton. Michigan  
Chas H. Dism - 185 Ironside St - Care of Hollingworth  
& (I couldn't make the last name out) & J. J. Rabbette  
- still at Redlands, California. I enclose <sup>in the box</sup> the bunch  
of cards received from the last Annual notices &  
let you see how many answered. I sent about  
120 - or 130 notices, with about 50 letters to  
Life Members who have not been heard from for a  
long time.

Sincerely  
J H Blair  
Telephone Box 1059 M. 67 Opeland St  
Roxbury



Roston. July 26/21

My Dear Partridge.

In 1911 - if you will look up the Directors meeting records - There was a vote passed to invite the Vice Presidents of the MRA to the Directors meetings.

I was not sure you knew this & write this & you would remember to send Cards of notice to them as well as the Directors.

I believe the Vice Presidents could take part in discussions but could not have a vote in the meetings.

Yours truly

J. H. Blair

62 Copeland St  
Roxbury  
Mass

Tel. Rox. 1059 M.



Mr. Edgar W. Davis  
Secretary of the Massachusetts  
Rifle Association, —

My dear Mr. Davis,

I want to thank you for  
your very kind note, and  
the members of the Rifle  
association for the exquisite  
flowers. It was a comfort  
to us, that the weary body  
lay at rest in the midst  
of so much beauty.

Ever since the time  
before our marriage when  
Mr. D. B. was  
winning his trophies in



New York, his interest in shooting has been keen.  
And until these last few years, when the failing of  
strength which he never liked to recognize made  
that impossible, his favorite relaxation came on  
those Saturdays at Walnut Hill.

And so I realize that in your association there were  
some of his most valued friends. No man ever  
cared for his friends with more sincerity  
for that reason. We were especially wretched by  
the tribute of your association.

With thanks again, most sincerely,

Sarah Hemmaway Bell  
32 Sylvan Avenue  
West Newton, Mass.

July tenth.



H. R. Brunton, D. D. S.

Malden, Mass.

Mr. Walter S. Gibbons.

Milrose, Mass.

My dear Walter,

As secretary of  
the Mass. Rifle Club kindly  
present my resignation, as second-  
vice President, to the board  
of directors at their next  
meeting.

This, of course, shoots me  
out of the board of directors,  
with no ~~power~~<sup>right</sup>, to say what  
Accepted 3/16/28



the activities or policies of  
the Club shall be.

Respectfully yours  
H. P. Hinton.

Feb 5 '1928.



35 Frank St., Cambridge, Mass

August 15, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge  
Secretary, Massachusetts Rifle Association.

Dear Sir:

What I am about to write may seem strange to you but it is after careful consideration and of deliberating carefully on all advantages and disadvantages that the following application is made.

Being acquainted with the needs of the Mass. Rifle Asso., in regards to work of a Range Keeper I hereby make application for the position of Range Keeper whenever there shall be a vacancy.

Should there be such a vacancy and I be considered, I offer the following services in consideration of rent free house and such buildings as are used by the Range Keeper and his family. I will do such routine work as is required in the keeping of targets, ammunition providing target-markers when reasonably required and such other duty as may fall under this head. I will agree to keep in repair, all buildings, butts, firing points etc., and further to keep the roads in such condition as shall be a credit to the Asso. to keep the grounds surrounding the Club House and the Range Keepers house in a condition as shall be a credit to the Club. I shall in reasonable time make a suitable driveway and parking space and beautify the grounds. I will make paths suitable for two to walk abreast from all firing points to butts, and keep all firing avenues free from brush and in fact use every effort to make the Club House and its surroundings attractive.

For the personal comfort of members I shall keep the Club House cleaned, the locker rooms swept and dusted, the sleeping room in good condition, will build cleaning racks and such other equipment as may be required. Will agree to furnish meals for members, if notified in advance, at reasonable rates and guarantee the best of home cooking, hot coffee and sandwiches on Match days. furnish clean linen for those who wish to stay overnight.

In compensation I ~~shall~~<sup>suppose</sup> expect range house to be equipped with telephone, that all material used in construction shall be paid for by club, that time used in construction of equipment shall be paid for at a rate to be agreed upon, not less than 50¢ per hour. It is understood that all work upon grounds, firing avenues etc, shall be to compensate for free rent of house. Attendance upon members during shooting matches on Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays to be ~~paid~~<sup>paid</sup> for at rate to be agreed upon. Providing the Club desires or would pay one-half the cost of a flivver, transportation will be provided to and from RR. and car line for members not provided with machines at 5¢ per person to car line or RR and 10¢ per person to Woburn or Stoneham.



Such fares shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Club until such time as the amount advanced for the purchase of the machine shall have been paid. Thereafter the machine to become my personal property but transportation to be continued and  $\frac{1}{2}$  amount collected to go to club and one half to me. I to furnish all repairs and supplies for machine but personal use of same for myself not to be ~~rest~~ restricted. In event of improvements being necessary for the comfort of my family as may not be provided in range keep~~ers~~ house I will agree to pay onehalf the cost of such improvements. I will agree providing a vacancy occurs and this application is seriously considered to have the period of said service cover a ~~perie~~ term of not less than five years. To be terminated on the part of the club by not less than six months notice to vacate and on the part of myself one full shooting season (sickness or death being of course an exception).

This is purely a business proposition on my part. My wife and I have long wanted to get out into the open and we see possibilities of making an excellent opportunity for the Club and ourselves. We have talked over the proposition and would be willing to enter upon said duties and occupancy in the Spring, possibly March 1st.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry M. Binney*



At a meeting of the Directors at the Hill on Sunday, February 4, 1940, it was voted that -

"Dr. Bill be reimbursed with something to the extent of thirty dollars (\$30), which money he has spent for the club's purposes, and, in addition, be given three (3) years' full membership dues, in recognition of his efforts."



Feb. 6. 1947.

~~Dr. J. F. Bill,~~  
~~270 Commonwealth Ave.,~~

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: -

~~Dear Dr. Bill:~~

Your invitation to attend the annual banquet and meeting of the Mass Rifle Association has just reached me and I would like very much to be there with you, but, owing to the fact that I will be on my way to Buffalo that evening it will be just impossible for me to make it.

One of my most important memos is to meet with the Association, as they can play a very vital part in our future activities.

I would appreciate it very much if you would tell the members at the meeting that only a definite previous appointment would keep me from attending and express my regrets that I am unable to do so. Also that I would like very much to have another opportunity to meet with them at the earliest convenient time. Best wishes to all,

Cordially yours.

Ed. Bridgman,  
N.R.A. Field Service Manager.



# THE BOSTON CITY CLUB

14 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON



OFFICE OF MANAGER

January 5th, 1927.

Mr. H.P. Moore,  
Room 808  
6 Beacon St.,

Dear Mr. Moore:

As requested, we are attaching herewith, three sample menus for your approval, this to be served at a Dinner to be given here at the Boston City Club, at \$2.50 per cover. As we do not find your name listed in our membership file, we assume that this Dinner is to be charged to some member of the Club as this is a ruling of the Club.

Regarding the reserving of the Bowling Alleys, two Alleys may be reserved for your use after the Banquet but on Wednesday and Saturday nights only. There will be no charge for this reservation, but the usual charge-per string-.

We should be pleased to book your party, and can assure you of our cooperation to give you the best of service, food, possible. Should you desire cigars, cigarettes, minerals, etc., we can supply these at a nominal cost.

Very truly yours,

Maitre D'Hotel

MB:ML  
encl.



\$2.50 per Cover

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Tomato Surprise B.C.C.  
Celery Olives  
Strained Chicken Gumbo

NO 1 Broiled Filet Mignon with Fr. Mushrooms  
Pomme Duchess Green Peas  
Salad, Endive, Orange, Grapefruit  
Frozen Spumoni, Chocolate Sauce-  
Friandrese - Coffee

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\$2.50 per Cover

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Fresh Fruit Supreme au Maraschino  
Celery Olives  
Madrilene with Cheese Straws

NO 2 Breast of Chicken, Ideal  
Potatoes au Gratin - Cauliflower Polonaise  
Salad Georgette, Russian Dressing  
Nesselrode Pudding - Friandrese  
Coffee

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\$2.50 per Cover

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NO 3 Canape Monte Carlo  
Celery Olives  
Consomme Florida

Supreme of Guinea Hen Bigarade  
Candied Sweet Potatoes-New String Beans au Gratin  
Hearts of Romaine, Roquefort Cheese Dressing  
Biscuit Tortoni - Friandress  
Coffee



To  
Lila & die  
a splendid horse-  
woman from a novice  
with sincere regards  
Will Toms.



Lorayne